



## House Update and Public Laws for the Week of April 7-April 11, 2008

### Last Week in the House

**On Tuesday, April 8, 2008**, the House passed nine suspension bills:

- H.Res. 265, "Honoring military children during 'National Month of the Military Child'" (Adopted by voice vote)
- H.J.Res. 70, "Congratulating the Army Reserve on its centennial, which will be formally celebrated on April 23, 2008" (Agreed to 393-0, [Roll Call 161](#))
- H.Res. 1020, "Recognizing the tremendous service that members of the Armed Forces have given to the Nation, especially those who have been wounded in combat" (Adopted by voice vote)
- H.R. 1198, "The Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2008" (Passed by voice vote)
- H.R. 2464, "The Wakefield Act" (Passed 390-1, [Roll Call 162](#))
- H.R. 1237, "The Cytology Proficiency Improvement Act of 2007" (Passed by voice vote)
- S. 845, "The Safety of Seniors Act of 2008" (Passed by voice vote)
- H.R. 2063, "The Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Act of 2008" (Passed by voice vote)
- S. 793, "The Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 2008" (Passed 392-1, [Roll Call 163](#))

*\* Note: Suspension bills require two-thirds majority for passage.*

**On Wednesday, April 9, 2008**, the House passed six suspension bills:

- H.Res. 1077, "Calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to end its crackdown in Tibet and enter into a substantive dialogue with His Holiness the Dalai Lama" (Agreed to 413-1, [Roll Call 166](#))
- H.Res. 838, "Welcoming His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI on his first apostolic visit to the United States" (Adopted by voice vote)
- H.Res. 865, "Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the March 2007 report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development makes an important contribution to the understanding of the high levels of crime and violence in the Caribbean" (Adopted by voice vote)
- H.R. 5489, "To designate the "Congresswoman Jo Ann S. Davis Post Office" in Gloucester, Virginia" (Passed 397-0, [Roll Call 176](#))
- H.R. 5472, "To designate the "Julia M. Carson Post Office Building" in Indianapolis, Indiana" (Passed 401-0, [Roll Call 177](#))
- H.R. 5395, "To designate the 'William 'Bill' Clay Post Office Building' in St. Louis, Missouri" (Passed by voice vote)



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**On Wednesday, April 9, 2008**, the House passed one rule bill:

- H.R.2016 The National Landscape Conservation System Act Passed 278-140, [Roll Call 174](#)

**On Thursday, April 10, 2008**, the House began consideration of H.R. 2537, Beach Protection Act of 2007 and the House is scheduled to resume consideration of the legislation during the week of April 14 – April 18.

**On Thursday, April 10, 2008**, the House passed a rule to terminate the “fast-track” procedures of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the consideration of H.R. 5724, to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement (Agreed to 224-195-1, [Roll Call 181](#)).

## Public Laws Signed Last Week

**For the Week of April 7-April 11**, the President signed 1 bill into law:

- H.R. 1593, “Second Chance Act of 2007”

Thus far in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, the President has signed 199 bills into law. Of those bills, 76 (38%) were for the purpose of naming post offices or public buildings.